Reported politician-criminal links in Goa

1186. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen reports of politician-criminal links in Goa (vide the Hindustan Times, 19th November, 1994); and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has already been brought to the notice of the State Government for appropriate action.

Quit Arunachal Notice to Bangladesh refugees

1187. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Bangladesh refugees mainly Chakmas have spilled over from Arunachal Pradesh to other neighbouring States after the deadline fixed by Arunachal Government under the 'Quit Arunachal' notice;

(b) if so, how many Chakmas are still to be repatriated to Bangladesh; and how many are settled in different States; and

(c) what is the plan for return of these refugees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Some of the Chakma refugees from Arunachal Pradesh had temporarily crossed-over to Assam in September, 1994. They have since returned to their settlements in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) In addition to the Chakma refugees who have crossed over to India from the erstwhile East Pakistan now Bangladesh in 1964-66 and have settled in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram, Chakma refugees also came in mid 80s to Tripura and are presently in refugee camps in the State. The number of Chakma refugees in the refugee camps in Tripura was 56,688. Of these, 5199 Chakma refugees were repatriated to Bangladesh in two phases during February and July-August, 1994. 51489 Chakma refugees still remain in camps in Tripura.

(c) The matter regarding the repatriation of Chakma refugees from Tripura was discussed in a meeting taken by Minister of State (States) on 25-10-94. It was noted that since the completion of second phase of repatriation, the refugee leaders have declined to resume the repatriation process alleging that assurances given by the Government of Bangladesh have not been fully implemented and the conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts area not conducive for their return. The Chakma refugees being Bangladesh nationals, it is for the Government of Bangladesh to find a satisfactory solution to the problem. The Govenment of India has been making efforts to facilitate the process of repatriation of the Chakma refugees from Tripura. There is no such consideration for the Chakma/Hajong refugees settled elsewhere.

Establishment of explosive control Bureau

1188. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish an Explosive Control Bureau;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has become very essential to have such an organisation to check the flow and use of explosive material in the country;

(c) what is the total quantity of RDX recovered so far; and

(d) what are the measures taken by Government to prevent import of drugs to the country?